DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I think the original estimate was sanctioned in 1117. It was re-sanctioned in 1119. The original estimate was for Rs. 15,000. The estimate prepared in 1120 is for Rs. 38,380.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: The answer says 'due to war situation'. Was any foreign material required for this?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No. It is the condition of labour that has created the trouble.

PRESIDENT: For a length of 600 fret, we have to pay Rs. 38,000. That is the question.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Is the honourable member aware that year after year, parts of this road have been washed away by rain?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: We are doing something. An estimate has been prepared. That is now being revised to see whether it could be done at a cheaper rate.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Is the honourable member aware that because of the washing down the cost will only increase?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am quite aware. But until the estimate is prepared nothing could be done.

Bridge at Chavara.

265 * **MR. K. A. MAHOMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any officer of the P. W. D. has inspected the platform planks of the bridge at Chavara in the Quilon-Alleppey road in recent times; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the bridge is unsafe for pedestrian and other traffics?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Peringara Bridge.

266 * **MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what progress they have so far made in the project of constructing the bridge at the Peringara river, Tiruvalla; and

(*b*) when the work will be started?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Steps have already been taken for the acquisition of lands required for the construction of the bridge and a re-cast estimate has been prepared and is under scrutiny.

(*b*) As soon as the estimate is sanctioned.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the Chief Engineer what the amount of the estimate is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The estimate is not yet ready and I cannot give you the figures.

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